

NEWS REVIEW OF CURRENT EVENTS

FRANCE IS STILL SKEPTICAL

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There is no possibility for us otherwise than acceptance or rejection. The victors have decided. Acceptance means that we declare our readiness to bear the voluntary labor the heavy financial burdens demanded year by year. Rejection would, however, mean surrendering the basis of our entire industrial activities, and, as a consequence, dismemberment of our economic body, already so greatly weakened, and the shackling of our entire industrial life. Therefore the victors, by the right

organization. It is understood now that the Bavarian authorities have promised that that body shall be disbanded immediately, though another report has it that Bavaria is to negotiate directly with France concerning civilia-

SEES ITALY'S FUTURE BRIGHT
Premier Giolitti Optimistic as to the
Successful Solving of Problem
Country Is Facing.

Rome, Italy.—Italy looks into the future with confidence, despite the losses she sustained in the war and the burden her people are carrying at present, Giovanni Giolitti, the premier, declared to the Associated Press. Since his statement, given on the eve of the general elections, which

The difficulty in understanding the situation in the Near East is illustrated by the news that the Russian soviet authorities, who were supposed to be supporting Kemal Pasha, leader of the Turkish Nationalists, have been plotting against him with the object of establishing a soviet republic in Anatolia. The scheme was uncovered in time and many arrests of Bolsheviks were made.

As for the most offensive of all the slacks, G. C. Bergdoll, the war department intends to keep after him unrelentingly until it brings him home from Germany and punishes him. Such is the statement of General March, chief of staff, to the house committee investigating the escape of the draft dodger. The inquiry, which has brought out many acrimonious accusations, seems to be narrowing down so that the blame for the escape of Bergdoll will be placed on Clarence Gibboney, one of the slacker's attorneys, since dead, and the two sergeants from whose custody Bergdoll got away.

Another crisis drew near in the coal strike last week. The transport workers decided that no foreign coal should be unloaded in the United Kingdom, promising aid in the strike to the miners and taking up the matter with the railway workers. The government was determined that the entry of foreign coal for vital purposes should not be prevented, and began concentrating soldiers and sailors in the areas where trouble might be expected. Robert Williams, leader of the transport workers, said: "The embargo will be maintained even if disease results. The remedy is to stop the importation of coal."

According to foreign correspondents the British government has offered the Sinn Féin leaders a new peace proposition which the latter seem willing to accept. Ireland is offered all the rights possessed by any seceding governing member of the empire, including full fiscal autonomy and full control of its judiciary and police, and the annual tribute of £18,000,000 is to be abandoned. Arrangements for the defence by army and navy are left open for discussion. The condition of the offer is that both north and south Ireland must accept it as a final settlement and must work together as a united Ireland.

formed, Mr. Simpson declared, that the phrase "regional understanding" in article 21 of the covenant of the League of Nations was selected by British and Japanese statesmen with the purpose of later contending that the Anglo-Japanese treaty was such a "regional understanding" with respect to China.

Mr. Simpson declared that China has sent a special delegate to Paris and Geneva to protest against the inclusion of such a clause in the revised covenant.

"Everything has been done that Italy might resume her place financially, and the people have accepted the task and borne it. Italy is now on her way to complete recovery. Averse exchange rates have sent the Italian lira downward to record figures. During my administration through dogged striving and prudent management of expenditures, the Italian lira has increased in value until today the dollar is valued at only one lira, while at one time the dollar was worth 30 lire."

Skull fracture, suffered when pitched ball struck him behind the left ear, caused the death of Henry Guntzelman, 17, printer apprentice at Cincinnati.

at Cleveland on Dec. 31 last. M. Florence E. Allen, the judge, immediately sentenced Motto to be executed on Aug. 20.

thou hast spoken, saying, the Lord is longsuffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression.—Numbers 14:17, 18.

when they wish their patients wouldn't show up so they would have to work."

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